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Members of the Committee on Ways and Means
Social Security Subcommittee

Social Security at 75 years

I urge Congress to take immediate action to pass the Social Security Fairness Act (H.R. 235/S. 484), which would repeal the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision. The WEP/GOP reductions cause retired public service employees to lose money just because they were public employees.

My husband and I are retired teachers who paid into social security in private sector jobs but because we were also teachers, we lose approximately \$600-700 per month in benefits. This is totally unfair.

The main problem is that it discourages people who have worked in the public sector from becoming teachers. Our students miss out on this vast experience that could be useful in the classroom.

It's a slap in the face! Like you don't count as much as others because you worked in the public sector so we're going to penalize you. Is that fair to any American citizen?

Please as you celebrate 75 years of social security make it fair for all Americans. I urge Congress to move the Social Security Fairness Act forward for a vote. In addition, if Congress takes up overall social security reform, I urge inclusion of repeal of the GPO and WEP as part of any reform package.

Thank you for your consideration.

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